

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Applicants(s) : Thomas von Ronn et al.

Continuation Appl. No.: TBA  
Serial No. of Parent : 10/680,460

Continuation Appl. Filed: Herewith  
Filing Date of Parent: October 6, 2003

For : DISPENSING DEVICE

Examiner : TBA

Art Unit : TBA

Mail Stop Patent Application  
Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

I hereby certify that this correspondence is being deposited with the United States Postal Service with sufficient postage as first class mail in an envelope addressed to: Mail Stop Patent, Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Date:

Signature:

Thomas C. Hughes (Reg. No. 42,674)

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

S I R:

Prior to the examination, please amend the above-captioned application as follows.

**Amendments to the Specification** begin on page 2 of this paper.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 3 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 6 of this paper.